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Sir:

Pursuant to their duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicants request that the references cited on attached form PTO-1449 (a copy of which is enclosed) be considered by the Examiner in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 CFR 1.104.

Enclosed are six new references that were cited and discussed in the Notice of Reasons for Rejection mailed on December 6, 2005 from the Japan Patent Office in the Japanese priority application. The relevance of these references can be seen from the enclosed English translation of the Notice of Reasons for Rejection. The English abstracts of these Japanese patent application publications are also enclosed.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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